

# Northgate Baptist Church

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## Thoughts from our Pastor

In our study through Ephesians, we have come to Paul's famous section on submission. In Ephesians 5:21, Paul wrote that we are to submit to one another in the fear of God. I reckon nearly every married person has heard something about submission from Ephesians 5:22-33. In Ephesians 6, Paul wrote that children are to obey their parents and that slaves are to obey their masters. The theme of Ephesians 5:21-6:9 is submission.

During one of my recent morning devotions, I read chapters 9 and 10 from the book of Acts. In that passage, Saul was converted to Paul on the road to Damascus by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. At the moment of his conversion experience, **Paul asked Jesus (Acts 9:6), "Lord, what do You want me to do?"** Wow! What a question!! That was not only a question for Paul, but a question for all Christians: "Lord, what do you want me to do?" Then, Acts 9:11 caught my attention: "So the Lord said to him [Ananias], "Arise and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for one called Saul of Tarsus, for behold, he is praying."

**Judas** (whoever he was) had a key role in Paul's ministry. He was housing the hunter who would now become the hunted. Saul was going to Damascus to arrest Christians and along the way, it was he who was arrested and Saul surrendered to the Lord and became Paul. In just the first few days after Paul's conversion, God used Ananias, Judas and who knows who else to minister to the dreaded Saul who God had changed to His servant Paul. And each had to ask the question that Paul asked the Lord Jesus - "Lord what do You want me to do?" And each had to submit their trust to God and to one another in order to be used of God.

God had a plan when He arrested Saul on the Damascus Road; a plan that no human knew and a plan that would change the world. For Christians to be used in God's plan then and now, submission is required. Christian submission has two main components: love and trust. For us to become involved in God's work around us, we must submit our way to God's way and submit to one another in the fear of God.

Paul had to trust Judas and Judas had to trust Paul and Ananias had to trust both and both had to trust Ananias and everyone had to trust the Lord!!! That has not changed. It is the reason we refer to one another as brothers and sisters in Christ. When someone comes to faith in Christ, they become a child of God (John 1:12) and therefore a brother and sister of other Christians (Galatians 3:26).

One of the blessings of a healthy family relationship is that we love and trust each other, to the point of submission. In any family, there are times of conflict and disagreement and to overcome that conflict there must be submission. It is no different in the church. We are family. Because we love and trust one another, we can submit to one another in the fear (respect) of God. That leaves no room for gossip or malice; only love and trust. God has called us to be like Judas and Ananias. *God has a plan and for us to be a part of it, we must trust Him as well as one another.*

Blessings in Jesus,

*Barry*

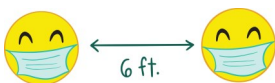
# The Gate Post

Moving? Please notify the church office of your address change

 We now have **ONLINE GIVING!** Just go to our website: [www.northgatebaptist.com](http://www.northgatebaptist.com) and click on the tab at the top that says "Online Giving." This is a very quick, secure and easy way to give your tithes and offerings. You may also mail your offering to the church or use bill pay through your bank. Thank you for your continued faithful giving during these times.



**Women's Bible Study is each Wednesday in the fellowship hall at 6:30pm.** We will be "Digging Deeper" into Pastor Barry's Sunday sermon. All ladies are welcome and social distancing will be observed. For further information, contact Tina Jimmerson.



**THANK YOU**  
FOR PRACTICING SOCIAL DISTANCING!

**Please respect others and social distance when we gather for worship.**



The church office will be closed on Monday, September 7 in observance of Labor Day.

## A Message from Barry Agnew, Jr., Minister of Students and Education

Over the past handful of weeks our staff has been reading through 2 Timothy together. We couldn't help but to notice how much of what we are reading seems to be so applicable in today's world (it's funny how that happens isn't it?) 2 Timothy 2:16-17 says "But avoid worldly and empty chatter, for it will lead to further ungodliness, and their talk will spread like gangrene" (NASB). It really is amazing the impact of words isn't it? Nations have gone to war over words and nations have come to peace over words. Words have changed the course of history time and time again. This is why we must be careful with our words. Paul talks about how worldly and ungodly chatter can spread. Sound familiar? If not, just turn on the news or even better your Facebook feed. More than ever everybody has a voice and hate, vitriol, and ungodliness has spread at an alarming rate as a result.

Now you maybe thinking, "yea the world's gone crazy lately, at least I'm not like them." That may be so (depending on who "them" is) but remember that Paul is talking to believers. So let's turn things back on ourselves for a minute. How is my chatter? Let me ask it this way. What is the result of the things that I focus my words and attention on on a daily basis? Do my words result in divisiveness? Am I finding myself always speaking in anger or hate? How about the positive side? Are my words leading people into a closer relationship with Jesus? Are my words leading the lost from death in sin to new life in Christ? What impact do our words have on the spread of the gospel?

As a Student Minister, I also have to mention that our young people are watching. They are watching you and watching me. They are watching the words I use and how I use them. Whether we realize it or not these young people are forming their views of Christians and what it means to be a Christian by watching and listening to us. What impact are your words leaving on the next generation? Are you leading these students into a deeper relationship with Jesus with your words, or are you pushing them further away?



## A Message from Dennis Page, Worship Leader

Some of you know that our son, Chris, directs Agape Children's Ministry in Kisumu, Kenya. He and his wife, Tammy, have served as missionaries there for 9 years. Two of their six children were born in Kenya.

Chris and his family had tickets to fly back to the U.S. in April for a planned furlough. Then Covid-19 struck. Needless to say, they're still in Kenya.

A little about Agape's ministry. Agape rescues kids off the street. Rather than placing kids into an orphanage, Agape's model is to Rescue, Rehabilitate, Redeem, and Reintegrate these kids with their families. Agape's success has been remarkable. Over the last 10 years Agape has reintegrated more than 3000 kids with their families

**So, from Kisumu, Kenya, here's our son's article regarding our response to COVID-19:**

With Covid-19, it seems like the world is stuck in neutral. Agape hasn't been allowed to rehabilitate children on our campuses for over three months. Visits to our reintegrated families have been seriously limited due to the risks of using public vehicles. Our family's trip back to the U.S. to put Sutton into college has been postponed to . . . who knows when? Seth was supposed to celebrate his birthday in the U.S. for the first time in 10 years. Connor was supposed to go to boarding school for her senior year of high school in August. International travel bans, second waves, curfews, spiking positivity percentages, city blockades, waiting to reach the top of "the curve" – it seems like the world is spinning its wheels!

But then I'm reminded that Jesus said in John 16 that I am not of this world. Jesus chose me out of this world. And because I belong to Jesus, I am to grow . . . even in times when everything else seems to be on hold. Thankfully, I'm not doing this alone – God grows his children. Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 3:18, "And we all, with unveiled faces, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit." Scripture likewise indicates our part in our personal growth, as well. Paul later writes in Philippians 3:12 and 14, "I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own . . . I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus". I love how Peter closes out his second Epistle: "Grow in the grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity." While the world is in a rut, let's grow in the grace and the knowledge of Jesus Christ! And all God's people said, Amen!

In Him Who First Loved Us,

Dennis



Friday and Saturday

September 18-19

9am-9pm each day

This month, our monthly prayer emphasis will be Friday and Saturday, September 18-19 from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. both days.

We would all agree that there is great power in prayer. **James 5:16** – "The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much." Jesus stated that not only is there power in prayer, but when we pray with one another, He is there too. **Matthew 18:19-20** – "Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."

When we set aside thirty minutes of time in our prayer closets on that Friday and/or Saturday in September for prayer for the Lord's church, not only do we have the privilege of coming before the King of Glory in personal and private prayer, but we also have the blessing of gathering together via the telephone and praying for one another. We have the great honor of coming together with the Lord in worship and fellowship. That is such a sweet, sweet time with the Lord and with one another. **I hope you will make plans to join in September's prayer emphasis.**

**You can sign up for a spot by calling the church during business hours.** As always we encourage EVERYONE to sign up and we are beyond excited about what God is already doing through the prayers of His church at Northgate!

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The Season of Prayer for State Missions and the Janie Chapman Offering is September 13-20. The **State goal is \$1,750,000 and Northgate's Goal is \$2,000.** Prayer guides and envelopes will be in the vestibule. Help us reach our goal for State Missions.

**WMU will be meeting in the fellowship hall on Tuesday, September 22.** Social distancing will be observed. All ladies are invited.



Northgate's Men's Prayer Breakfast is meeting every Tuesday morning **at 7:30am.** This is a special time for sharing the needs of God's people at Northgate and to pray for our nation. **All men are welcome to join us. Social distancing will be observed.**



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